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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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GROUP 1700IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, paragraph [0007], replace with the following paragraph:

The other spectrum represents the type of materials used in the fabrication. At one extreme, the materials used to construct the tire are solid and remain in the solid state throughout the fabrication, such as in typical pneumatic tires. Alternatively, the tire is formed from solid and liquid materials or purely from liquid materials, which are solidified during processing. Examples of solid and liquid phase processing are shown in of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,254,405 and European Patent No. 0 374 081 A2 (equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,936,365). Although various alternative strategies have been attempted to provide desired tire characteristics, no tire design heretofore has provided the desired characteristics in a simple and cost-effective configuration.

Page 6, paragraph [0013], replace with the following paragraph:

The sidewalls 16 are notably distinct from known tire sidewalls because the external face 24 has a concave sculpted curvature and the internal sidewall face 20 is